



**NOTIFICATION OF EMERGENCY MEASURES**

<p><b>1. Notifying Member:</b> <u>EGYPT</u> <b>If applicable, name of local government involved:</b></p>
<p><b>2. Agency responsible:</b> Central Administration of Plant Quarantine</p>
<p><b>3. Products covered (provide tariff item number(s) as specified in national schedules deposited with the WTO; ICS numbers should be provided in addition, where applicable):</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Seedlings of fruit trees including olive seedlings, citrus seedlings, grapevine, seedlings of stone fruits</li><li>- Ornamental plants</li></ul>
<p><b>4. Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>All trading partners</b></p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Specific regions or countries:</b> Argentina; Brazil; Canada; Costa Rica; Ecuador; Iran; Italy; Mexico; Paraguay; Chinese Taipei; United States of America; Venezuela, Bolivarian Republic of</p>
<p><b>5. Title of the notified document:</b> Temporary Suspension of the Importation of Ornamental Plants and Seedlings of Fruit Trees from Countries where <i>Xylella Fastidiosa</i> is Present <b>Language(s):</b> Arabic <b>Number of pages:</b> 2</p>
<p><b>6. Description of content:</b> This is an emergency action applied to protect Egyptian territories from potential damage as a result of <i>Xylella Fastidiosa</i>. Egypt imports fruit seedlings and ornamental plants from infected countries which pose a serious risk to agriculture production, especially since there is extensive cultivation in Egypt of plants which are hosts for the disease. This emergency action shall be reviewed after the completion of the pest risk assessment in order to determine the risk of entry of the disease from infected countries.</p> <p>The following measures have been adopted:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. Suspension of the importation of ornamental plants and seedlings of olives, grapevines, citrus and stone fruits from the infected countries;</li><li>b. Seedlings of other fruit from the infected countries shall: (i) originate from officially recognized pest free areas according to ISPM#4; and (ii) be produced in certified nurseries which apply traceability systems. An additional declaration is also required stating that:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- the ornamental plants or seedlings of fruits have originated from officially recognized areas free from <i>Xylella fastidiosa</i> according to ISPM#4 and have been produced in certified nurseries which apply traceability systems;</li><li>- the consignment is free from the xylem feeding insects;</li></ul></li><li>c. Suspension of the importation of the host plant of <i>Philaenus spumarius</i>, <i>Prunus avium</i> (sweet cherry), <i>Prunus dulcis</i> (almond), <i>Prunus persica</i> (peach), <i>Rubus fruticosus</i> (blackberry), <i>Rubus idaeus</i> (raspberry), <i>Vitis vinifera</i> (grapes) from Italy;</li><li>d. Fresh fruits and vegetables imported from the infected countries shall be subject to additional inspection to confirm the freedom of the consignment from the xylem feeding insects, and an additional declaration is required to accompany the</li></ol>

<p>phytosanitary certificate stating that the consignment has been inspected and found free from the feeding insects.</p>
<p>7. <b>Objective and rationale:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> food safety, <input type="checkbox"/> animal health, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> plant protection, <input type="checkbox"/> protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> protect territory from other damage from pests.</p>
<p>8. <b>Nature of the urgent problem(s) and reason for urgent action:</b> The outbreak of <i>Xylella fastidiosa</i> affecting olive trees in the Apulia region of Italy poses a threat to Egypt's agriculture production as there is a risk of introduction of this disease into Egypt. Egypt has similar climatic conditions and suitable host plants which are of great economic importance.</p>
<p>9. <b>Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard:</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Codex Alimentarius Commission (e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) (e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number)</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM number) IPPC Art. VII.6</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> None</p> <p><b>Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?</b></p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p><b>If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard:</b></p>
<p>10. <b>Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:</b></p>
<p>11. <b>Date of entry into force (dd/mm/yy)/period of application (as applicable):</b> 10 October 2015</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Trade facilitating measure</p>
<p>12. <b>Agency or authority designated to handle comments:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National Notification Authority, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:</p> <p>Central Administration for Foreign Agricultural Relations Ministry of Agriculture and Land Reclamation 1 Nadi El Saïd St., Dokki, Giza, Egypt Tel: +(202) 333 76 589 +(202) 374 90 805 Fax: +(202) 374 90 805 E-mail: enq_egy_sps@yahoo.com</p>
<p>13. <b>Text(s) available from:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National Notification Authority, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:</p> <p>Central Administration for Foreign Agricultural Relations Ministry of Agriculture and Land Reclamation 1 Nadi El Saïd St., Dokki, Giza, Egypt Tel: +(202) 333 76 589 +(202) 374 90 805 Fax: +(202) 374 90 805 E-mail: enq_egy_sps@yahoo.com</p>